(*a*) whether a Secretary to Government appointed on special duty for framing proposals regarding the devolution of powers and audit of revenue receipts has submitted any report to the Government and, if so, when;

(*b*) whether any action has been taken on the report; and

(*c*) whether the report together with the orders passed thereon will be laid on the table?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. The reports in regard to the several departments were submitted on different dates before his reversion to his permanent post.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The question will be considered when orders are issued on the reports.

Statement of First Grade Clerks and Superintendents in the Secretariat.

111. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the service and qualifications of the First Class clerks and Superintendents, both acting and permanent, in the General and Revenue Secretariat?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The statement* asked for is laid on the table.

List of Examiners for the E. S. L. C. and other Examinations.

112. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table statements showing:

(1) the names of the chief examiners and their assistants for the E. S. L. C., V. S. L. C., V. H. and Trained Teachers' Certificate Examinations, for the last five years (1096-1100) classified according as they are in Government service or employed by private agency; and

(2) the number of candidates for the E. S. L. C. Examination from departmental and non-departmental institutions during each of the years in the above period?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The statements covering about 42 pages of typed matter are too lengthy to be printed and laid on the table. They may be perused by the member in the office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council.

(2) A statement† containing the information is laid on the table.

Travancore University and Educational Reforms.

113. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) when the report of the Travancore University Committee was received by them;

(2) what they propose to do with it;

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† *Vide* Appendix II—page 410.

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(3) whether a copy each would be supplied free to the members of this Council;

(4) whether the Government propose to take up for consideration, in the near future, the question of founding a university for Travancore or *Kerala*;

(5) if not, whether they will now take up the question of reforms in school education, primary, secondary and industrial; and

(6) whether they will arrange for the conference of headmasters of English High Schools, which was held up pending the decision of the Government on the question of the University, being convoked?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The report was received by the Government on the 10th January 1925 and was published in April 1925.

(2) and (4) The Government do not propose to take the matter up for consideration at present.

(3) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 59 asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 5th November 1925.

(5) The matter is engaging the attention of the Government quite apart from the question of founding a university for Travancore or *Kerala*.

(6) The Government do not consider it necessary to arrange for a conference of Headmasters of English High Schools at present.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): May I know whether the Government expect to come to any decision in this year about the Education Committee referred to in part (5) of the question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This year is already drawing to a close.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): I mean the academic year.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government hope to do so.

Appointment of Mussalman Graduates in the Secretariat and in the Account Office.

114. **MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Mussalman graduates who have applied for appointments in the Secretariat and in the Account Office during the years 1100 and 1101, and the number of those who have been appointed during the same period?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The number of Mussalman graduates who applied for appointments in 1100 and 1101 was three in the Secretariat and one in the Account Office. No one was appointed in either of the offices during the period.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): May I know from the Government why at least one or two out of these four applicants were not given appointments during these two years?

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